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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0345

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, MZ, UR  
SUBJECT: PODGORNÝ VISIT

REF: MAPUTO 339 AND PREVIOUS

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF MORNING OF APRIL 1, JAMES PRINGLE, NEWSWEEK'S NAIROBI BUREAU CHIEF, RELATED CONVERSATION HE AND SEVERAL OTHER WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS HAD WITH VSEVOLOD SOFINSKY ON MARCH 31. SOFINSKY IS CHIEF OF PRESS DEPARTMENT IN USSR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND IS PRESS LIAISON OFFICER ON PODGORNÝ TRIP.

2. SOFINSKI TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT SOVIET DELEGATION ASSESSED MAPUTO SEGMENT OF PODGORNÝ TRIP AS VERY VERY SUCCESSFUL." BOTH PRESIDENTS WERE PLEASED WITH OUTCOME. TWO ACCORDS-- A FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION TREATY  
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AND A CONSULAR TREATY--AND A JOINT COMMUNIQUE HAD BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN GPRM AND USSR. GOING INTO DETAIL, SOFINSKY SAID THAT FRIENDSHIP TREATY WAS A STATE TO STATE AGREEMENT, CONTAINED FOURTEEN ARTICLES AND WOULD RUN FOR TWENTY YEARS. CONSULAR TREATY WAS SIGNED ONLY BY GPRM FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO AND USSR VICE FOREIGN MINISTER J. ILYICHEV. SOFINSKY SAID DETAILS AND TEXT

OF TWO TREATIES AND COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE RELEASED  
APRIL 2 OR 3.

3. BEFORE JOURNALISTS COULD GET AROUND TO ASK ANY  
QUESTIONS, SOFINSKY SAID HE WANTED TO POINT OUT TO  
THEM THAT THE FRIENDSHIP TREATY WOULD NOT PROVIDE SOVIET  
UNION WITH ANY "BASES", "SPECIAL CONCESSION" OR "OTHER  
PRIVILEGES." FRIENDSHIP TREATY WAS STRICTLY WHAT ITS  
TITLE IMPLIED. TREATY CALLED ONLY FOR COOPERATION IN THE  
AREAS OF TRADE, SCIENCE, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND POLITICAL  
MATTERS. AFTER HE MADE THIS POINT, SOFINSKY BROKE OFF  
CONVERSATION.

4. PRINGLE SAID SOFINSKY SEEMED TO BE MAKING SPECIAL  
EFFORT TO TELL WESTERN JOURNALISTS THAT THEY SHOULD  
NOT READ MORE INTO THE TREATY THAN IS REALLY THERE.  
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